

Membership Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2020 6:30 p.m.
ZOOM Meeting

Number in attendance: 12 Number of Board in attendance: 8
Meeting was called to order by Mike Lewis.

The meeting opened with the program presented by Cody Wheelock, owner of Fount Atelier of Fine Arts Studio. Cody gave a brief biographical background. Cody came to the Kansas City area two years ago from Omaha where he worked as an art teacher. Cody presented examples of his work which included oil on linen landscapes, still lives and commissioned portraits. His studio focuses on art instruction and includes all age categories. He outlined his teaching philosophy which includes the elements of Execution, Design, and Concept. He strongly encouraged students and beginning artists to start by painting smaller paintings in larger quantities, later moving to larger pieces of art. Cody concluded by answering questions presented by the group,

Artists were then invited to share pieces of art from their collections.

Board Report: Mike reported that steps were being taken for Summit Art to get certified as Artsafe. This is a program for organizations to form a plan to keep members and participants safe during the CoVid pandemic. In addition, this certification will help with receiving grants. Harry Magee has volunteered to lead in this process,

Report from the Leadership:

Development: Teddy Jackson reported on the Art Ambassador program which will call on artists and community members to support Summit Art through a system of monthly contributions. These contributions will help promote the artists through mentoring, education and other activities supporting the visual arts.

Wanda Tyner reported that the leadership needs feedback from the membership on what members need from Summit Art. This feedback will help the Board plan meaningful programs and activities.

Treasurer's report: Jim Dittmer shared the current status of Summit Art finances: Total Income \$13,383.; Expenses \$42,923.; Net —\$29,541. He noted future sources of income from the CARES ACT where the City distributes funds to organizations to cover reimbursements for Covid

expenses. Jim noted that the Board is being very careful with expenditures until the success of fundraising efforts are known. The Board is in the process of getting budget requests for the formation of next year's budget.

Director's report: Jody reported that SA should receive a check from the City for reimbursement of CoVid expenses through the CARES ACT.

Updates from Committees:

Membership Report: Barb Byrne reported that it is time to renew memberships and pay dues. An email will be sent out explaining the procedure for renewing online and by check.

Exhibition: Mike Lewis put out a request for a chair for this committee which will seek opportunities for SA artists to exhibit their art.

Program/Education: Sharon Wagner reported that she needs ideas and suggestions on how to keep programs interesting. She is planning a virtual Christmas get-together. Tom Mallot suggested that a phone tree committee be formed to help increase attendance at ZOOM meetings.

Plein Air Committee: Sharon had a meeting with her committee last Thursday. Committees were formed and chairs were named.

Gallery: Barb reported that \$818.00 worth of art was sold this month at the St. Luke's Gallery,

Announcements and Upcoming events:
2021 Membership Renewal and dues are due.

Mike Byrne was named Summit Art Virtual Gallery Artist of the Month.

Photographer and Friends—November/December will meet November 19 at 6:45 p.m. 14 members attended the October meeting.

Fine Art Forum meets Saturday, December 5, 2020; 10:00—Noon. Barb suggested we may need to re-think time of reminder for the forums.

Round Table Discussions:

Jody will research how to put dates on the calendar from Constant Comment.

Tom suggested that friends of SA artists be invited to meetings and activities.

The question was discussed of where to have future face-to-face meetings.

Mike expressed his appreciation of the use of Crestvale Farm for allowing the Plein Art artist to have their preview for the Festival in April.

Teddy suggested that in-person meetings might begin with small interest groups. This would make the transition easier for face-to-face large membership meetings,

The suggestion was made to put membership meetings on Utube so members can watch at their leisure.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Mary Ann Rhoads, Secretary